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THE MOST EXCITING MOMENT OF MY LIFE.
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Waters' Indian Massacre.

Long before John Waters went into the business of helping to get met set straight who had met with thrilling experiences, one came his way that he can remember almost as vividly today as the day it occurred.

Young John Waters, with several companions older than himself, went down the Kaw river on a hunting trip. The party planned to camp out that night and arrived along the river in the afternoon. Late in the afternoon, a spot that met with approval of all the members of the expedition was located and temporary quarters were put up.

Then the members of the party started in on Waters. They first notified him that they were on an Indian reservation—though in fact the nearest reservation was several counties away. Next they painted for the young man, who was then spending his first night away from home, a word picture of Indian characteristics that curdled his blood.

When they believed that Waters had been worked up to the right mental condition, one of the boys took up his gun and started out to get a lay of the land and find out, if he could, how the red men were behaving. Very quietly the other companions followed the first and in short time it dawned on the youthful Waters that he was alone in the woods and it was dark as pitch.

Cold alone didn't cause his limbs to shake and the quake became more pronounced as time sped on. Suddenly from out of the black void came a fearful shriek. Another much more effective than the first followed it and then they came in rapid succession.

Young John Waters was paralyzed by the first one but having reached the limit of fearfulness, rushing into his tent, snatched a gun, loaded it and fired into the darkness.

And then John Waters suffered the most thrilling moment of his life. One of the companions who had started out to spy on the Indians staggered into camp, his hands covering his chest and groaning, "My God, John, you've shot me."

Only regard for the welfare of young Waters prompted his friends to make that period of suspense as short as possible. Several days later when camp broke Waters found a little package. On inquiry he was told, "Oh those are the lead from the cartridges that we left in the tent the night we went out to hunt Indians."

He faced an Angry German. The summer preceding his junior year in college, Louis Floyd, general secretary of the Provident association, put in his vacation selling books. He was assigned to territory in the city of Chicago and met with a number of peculiar experiences. One, however, stands out clearer than all the rest.

In his official capacity as book salesman, he called one day on a happy looking woman of German stock. He adjusted himself rapidly to conditions as all good salesmen must do and settled in on his selling talk. He explained in detail to the woman the utility of sending her children to school to get an education if they were denied the store house of knowledge that his book contained. The woman followed his tale with interest and appeared to have reached that condition where she had only to have a pencil thrust at her to sign the document that meant the book for the children and a drain on the family purse.

But at the crucial moment—at that psychological instant when the woman had only to see the pencil—she exploded right under Edwin McKeever's nose. She called out in a well-nursed jag and loudly demanding dinner. In an instant not only was the spell broken but the husband getting the lay of the land suggested that Floyd leave the place. He was loathe, however, to forsake a good prospect and stood his ground. Then the general secretary delivered his ultimatum "get out or I'll throw you down stairs."

For one moment Floyd stopped. That moment was to consider the lance between the ground and the third floor where he was then located. His brutality closed with a jerk. The big, burly, disheveled, infuriated husband lurched toward him and Louis Floyd stepped into the hall.

Ed McKeever's Blow Up. One time a whole army of dynamite exploded right under Edwin McKeever's Topeka lawyer. Exciting? Think it over. Ask McKeever.

That was long ago—away back in the days when McKeever worked on his father's farm and he was helping blast rock. It was the most excit-

ing three or four seconds the rough and tumble Topeka lawyer ever knew—and he has known some moments that would compete in any thriller contest.

Premature Explosion. To McKeever's mind, that premature explosion was the bombardment of the Dardanelles, an eruption of Mt. Vesuvius and Gabriel's trumpet all in one. And then after McKeever had looked himself all over and found that he really wasn't hurt, he thought it would be great fun to do it all over again, if he just knew nothing would hit him.

"Father sent me out to help blast some rock," said McKeever. "There was an abundant rock crop and I fixed the fuse and prepared to blow up a hillside. Maybe I didn't make the fuse long enough. Maybe I didn't display proper haste in getting away. Just now I don't know. In fact it is a matter of no immediate concern."

Started Towards Mars. "All I know is the thought that the world had suddenly started to Mars. It was an awful roar. I looked up and all around me and the air was simply filled with rocks, regular boulders, some of them seemed to be as big as I did or come so nearly seeing my own funeral. Then when it was all over and I hadn't so much as been hit, I must have realized the same sensation that comes to a soldier after a battle. I wanted to do it all over again."

Over a Dog's Tail. John Savage, Topeka baseball magnate, recites the following as the most exciting moment in his life:

"The little creature ran wildly toward the house, through the back door and into the dining room, leaving a trail of blood behind him. The dinner was spoiled for every one who saw the dog and my father hunted for me. What happened later was the most exciting moment I ever had in my life."

Read Between Lines, Please. "The most exciting moment of my life," pondered Miss Hildur Nygren, student in the city of Chicago, chief of the fire department.

"Ah, I have it. It was when I slipped up stealthily behind a cousin of mine. I had a hatchet in my hand. She was in a hammock and engrossed in a book. I took a back at the rope supporting the hammock. There was a sharp rock right where the hammock hit the ground. That was the most exciting moment of my life."

Major Harvey's Experience. When a man who is touring well along on the highway of life can recall vividly an experience of his eleventh year, it must have been some little incident.

It is such an incident, however, that Maj. A. M. Harvey declares was the most exciting moment of his life. The day long before the title had been annexed to the major's name—to be exact, when he was eleven years of age, he was flying a kite on a fair day in the county park, but the business in which young Harvey was engaged in just then was more than a kite. The major says "it was hot as blazes."

The fire was not a difficult one to fight and with a little fire-fighting, not then. He took a little half mile to the house for a place to get a drink. He headed his way to no drug store soda fountain or corner pop stand—not then. He took a little half mile to a well that had been dug beside a small ravine which carried off the overflow from the spring. Harvey laid flat on the ground before the spring and steered his face to the water. Then the unexpected happened on the spring. When the major craned his neck toward the thirst quencher, he in some manner got up more steam than he expected and before he was fairly aware of the fact that he was changing his position, he was at the bottom of a seven foot well. Exactly

what happened to the major was this: He slipped into the well head first. When the major had taken himself down to the top and lost no time getting out.

But that brief, infinitesimal part of a second that the major spent at the bottom of that seven foot hole filled with water was the most thrilling, he says, that he ever experienced.

When the major had taken himself out of the well and collected his thoughts, he turned his footsteps toward the family hearth two miles away.

Harrison Clarkson.

Harrison Clarkson, of 1027 Tyler street and former state superintendent of insurance, has been a resident of Topeka for a great many years. Naturally being a pioneer of the city and an inhabitant of Topeka in the early days he has had numerous experiences.

When asked point blank by a reporter of the most exciting moment in his life, Mr. Clarkson was puzzled. "I can't recall any sensational adventure at the present moment," he said, "but I do remember an odd incident that occurred many years ago when I was traveling in Ohio and Indiana. I was sitting in a passenger coach reading a newspaper. Suddenly the car came to a sudden stop with such a jolt as to almost throw me out of my seat. Looking down at the aisle beside me I saw a railroad tie sticking up more than a foot above the flooring. The passenger way was torn up for several yards."

"I don't know how the tie came to be in such a position. It was evidently stuck on the track in such a manner as to be caught under the car. I still remember the funny feeling that crept over me when I saw the intruder."

FARM AND HOME FAIR

Annual Institute at Vermillion Largest in History.

Vermillion, Kan., Oct. 23.—Wednesday and Thursday of this week will be remembered by the people of this place and vicinity for some time on account of the successful farm and home institute held on these days. This even is being looked forward to from year to year and is becoming the event of the year. This year it is bigger and better than ever before.

The exhibits in fancy work by the ladies, fruit, vegetables, grains, poultry, cattle and horses would make one think it was a county fair. They were laid out in a better than shown in former years.

An elaborate program was arranged by the program committee and carried out in detail. On the program were the following representatives from the Kansas State Agricultural college: Miss Marian Broughton, who made several going talks during the two days; Mr. Carl P. Thompson, who made several instructive talks and judged the cattle the first day, and Dr. C. W. McLaughlin, who judged the horses and talked about them the second day.

Another strong number on the program was the address by Mrs. Marie Turner Harvey of Kirksville, Mo., special collaborator in rural education, bureau of education, Washington, D. C. Her lectures were exceptionally good.

A women's meeting was held at the Presbyterian church, Thursday afternoon, and a boys' institute at the Methodist church at the same time. Both were well attended and were very interesting.

At the business meeting, the present officers were re-elected for the next year. They are Samuel Stewart, president; Ernest Schubert, secretary; H. C. Schaefer, treasurer.

BECOMES CITIZEN AT 78.

Lost Papers Force Old Man To Be Naturalized Again. Salina, Kan., Oct. 23.—Aged 78 years and a resident of the United States for 47 years, John Q. Anderson of Assaria has made application for his second and final papers of citizenship before Elmer Bedquist, clerk of the court. Mr. Anderson has not waited this long without cause, however, before perfecting his right to citizenship in his adopted country. Back in 1872 he made first application in Missouri. Until five years ago he supposed his papers were all right. Then it was found that papers and records were missing and he had to start all over again. The final hearing will come up on the first day of the March term of court.

NORMAL USES ALL RUSS HALL.

Building Constructed by Loan From Pittsburg Citizens. Pittsburg, Kan., Oct. 23.—The new Russ hall at the state Manual Training normal now is completely occupied by the school. It is said by the members of the state board of administration that the new building is a combination of Greek and Roman. However, Kansas 1915, predominates in the general construction of the building. It is four stories high, fireproof and built of dark brick trimmed with white limestone and tan terra cotta.

From the main entrance a marble stairway leads to the second floor. The hall floors are of tile.

The music and expression departments, two large society halls and a recital hall seating 550 are on the fourth floor. Below that floor are 46 recitation rooms, several offices and the library and gymnasium.

The building and equipment represent an expenditure of \$250,000. Soon after the original Russ hall was destroyed by fire June 29, 1914, citizens of Pittsburg lent the state funds with which to rebuild the structure.

MANY FROM EMPORIA

Three Hundred Teachers and Others to Attend Topeka Convention.

Emporia, Kan., Oct. 23.—Three hundred teachers and others from Emporia will attend the State Teachers association at Topeka in November. Plans have been made for a special train which will deliver the teachers at Topeka in time for the opening addresses. It is expected that fifty members of the State Normal school faculty at Emporia will go. Over a hundred prospective teachers, students at the Normal, are planning to go.

All Emporia schools will be closed during the meeting. Many Emporia high school teachers are going. The special train will be in charge of Carl Schaefer, secretary of the Extension Department at the Normal.

DECIDE PLACE FOR MEETING.

Executive Committee of Editorial Association Goes to Lawrence.

Alma, Kan., Oct. 23.—A meeting of the executive committee of the Kansas Editorial association has been called by Secretary O. W. Little to meet at Lawrence on Saturday, November 13, the date of the Kansas-Nebraska football game.

This meeting is for the purpose of choosing a time and place for the next annual meeting of the association and any other necessary business. There is always much rivalry among the cities of the state as to who shall entertain the Kansas editors and the committee will be pleased to receive and act on the invitations at this meeting. Plans will also be made for the program.

STUDENTS KEEP A COW.

Boys at Kansas University Have Own Butter and Milk. Lawrence, Kan., Oct. 23.—A bunch of university boys are taking a fall out of the h. c. of l. by maintaining back of their house on South Vermont street a real live cow. The cow was sent from the home of one of the boys, and is proving to be a valuable addition to their rooming house equipment.

The boys say that hay does not cost much, and that anyway they are well repaid. In return for her sustenance, the bossy furnishes them regularly with a nice lot of dairy products. So far the pleasure seems to be mutual.

KANSAS BOOK TRAVELS FAR.

"Teaching," Issued at Emporia, Goes to India and Hawaii.

Emporia, Kan., Oct. 23.—That teachers in England are finding time to look about for educational suggestions in spite of the war is shown by a call which came recently from an educator in Sheffield, England, for special copies of the Journal, Teaching, published by the State Normal school at Emporia. They will be used in connection with work carried on by Miss Dorothy Hartley of Sheffield. Within the last few months, calls for Teaching have been received from Hawaiian Islands, from India, and from Germany.

Postpone Tri-State Debate.

Manhattan, Kan., Oct. 23.—The tri-state debate between Ames, South Dakota university, and the Kansas State Agricultural college has been postponed until Friday evening, November 19.

WORD FROM ARMENIA

Letter to Topekan Says the Situation Is Serious.

The situation in Armenia at present is serious, according to a letter received in Topeka by H. A. Maynard and Mr. Mrs. O. H. White of 1327 Lane street. George C. Reynolds, of Boston, has written them of his recent trip to Armenia. Mr. Maynard, who recently returned from Asia Minor, was associated with Reynolds in Armenia, as was an Abilene woman, Miss Myrtle Shane.

The Turks have caused great suffering to the Christian people there. Another difficulty which was fatal to natives and American missionaries alike, was the dread disease, typhoid. In a flight from Van, the American missionary caravan was attacked by Kurds and barely escaped with their lives. Mr. Reynolds portrays in a life-like manner the trouble in Armenia, which he says is far worse than people in this country imagine it is.

THEY WALKED THEN WESTONS OF EARLY DAYS

The Kaw Indians Were Noted as Great Walkers.

Traveled From Topeka to Council Grove in a Day.

CLAD ONLY IN ARMY HATS

Recruits of the Ninth Kansas Regiment Went Home

Carrying Their Uniforms to Show to Their Tribe.

If some of the Kaw Indians who lived in Kansas in the early days could be brought back to life, the state could produce some very likely Marathon racers. As the crow flies and as the Indian traveled, the distance from Topeka to Council Grove is sixty miles. According to William K. Beach, an old settler living five miles west of Dover, the Kaw Indians considered traveling on foot from Council Grove to Topeka an ordinary day's journey. It is interesting to speculate on what they might have done had they been given the benefit of modern training methods.

Mr. Beach tells an interesting story in connection with the recruiting of the Ninth cavalry, an early Kansas regiment. "The men were first mustered in as infantry and after serving the required length of time were provided with mounts and converted to cavalry," said Mr. Beach. "I think there was difficulty in securing the desired quota of men. The road from Council Grove to Topeka ran just north of my house. I remember that one day I saw a large number of Kaw Indians pass on their way to Topeka. They were accompanied by a recruiting officer. There were enough to make two companies."

They Hurried Back.

"The next day about noon I looked over toward the road and saw a big Kaw Indian striding it back toward Council Grove. He was moving right along at a good gait and every bit of clothing he wore was a new army hat with the sprig of grass design of the army on the front of it. He had a bundle strapped to his shoulders, but the hat was the only clothes he was wearing. Later I saw other Indians passing in the same manner."

"A few days later, I met the recruiting officer, and he told me that as soon as the Indians arrived in Topeka and were mustered in and given new army uniforms, every one hit the back trail to Council Grove to show their Indian friends their new clothes. They took their clothes off and tied them in bundles while traveling, so they would be clean and unsoiled when shown to other members of the tribe. When they got near Council Grove they stopped and dressed up in their new uniforms. After they had been given an opportunity to display their new clothes, they all returned to service in the regiment."

"There was a great difference between the Kaw and the Pottawatomies. They seemed to be distinct peoples. Their languages were different and Kaws and Pottawatomies could talk to each other only in the Indian sign language. The Pottawatomies were short and fat and never walked long distances, but always had ponies and rode. The Kaws were tall and lank. They kept few horses, and traveled long distances on foot."

LOWER CALIF. TO U. S.

Illinois Lieutenant Governor Says We Should Own Peninsula.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 23.—Annexation of Lower California to the United States is advocated by Lieutenant Governor Barrett O'Hara of Illinois, who, with Mrs. O'Hara, has arrived from San Diego, from which city they crossed the Mexican line and noted how promptly progress and improvement stopped at the border.

"We ought to acquire that territory," said Mr. O'Hara. "Perhaps we should do it by purchase and perhaps by another way. It is very probable that Mexico will be confronted with many claims for indemnity."

"Why should not the United States assume those claims for indemnity and, in return, let the Mexican government gracefully give us Lower California."

"Upon my return to my home in Chicago, I intend to advocate such annexation in public speeches in Illinois and other states."

Booze Going Down.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 23.—Regular "Jollification" meetings are being held here by the "Booze Fighters' Union."

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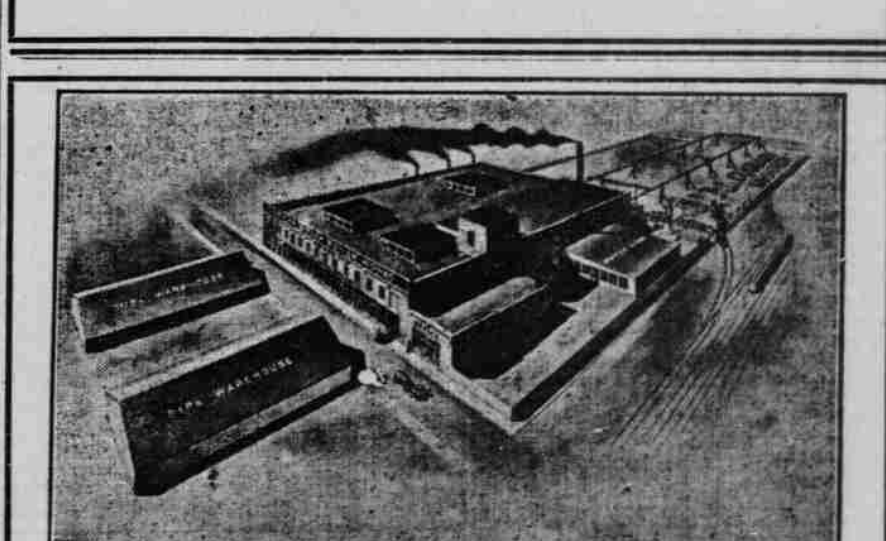
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